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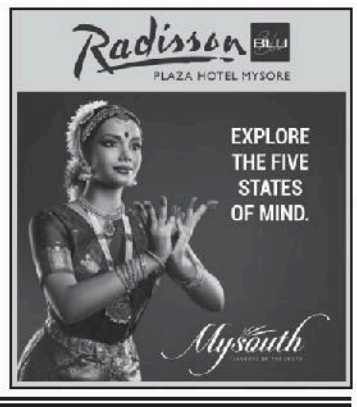

'Direct to home' piped gas project

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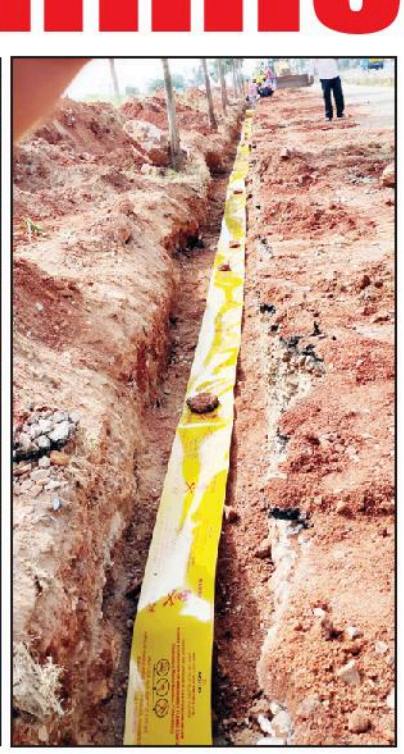

Gas pipeline works under progress in Mysuru.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha seen addressing a press meet in the city this morning as Arun Nayak of AG&P Group that is implementing the project looks on.

Mysuru, Jan. 29 (MTY&BCT)- The row kicked up by the 'direct to home' Piped Natural Gas (PNG) project launched by the Centre and being implemented in Mysuru has caused deep fissures among the BJP MLAs S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra and MP Pratap Simha and today, the MP claimed that there is no chance for anyone to pocket commission in the name of Central Government projects.

"In fact, none of the projects implemented by the PM Narendra Modi Government entails commission and in this project too, there is no such opportunity. Opposition to the project by elected representatives is unfortunate," said Simha, addressing a press meet on the lawns of Jaladarshini Guest House.

The press meet was shifted to the lawns as the electronic media could not live-telecast the event due to absence of an internet network inside the hall where press meets are usually held.

"The Modi Government has launched many people-friendly projects including Gram Sadak that provides connectivity to villages, toilets to homes under Swachh Bharat, water for all under Jal Jeevan Mission, education through Beti Padao and gas pipeline to homes. These projects are coming to India after 70 years and I am shocked that elected representatives are opposing a people-friendly, cheap and a safe project," he said.

For the project implementation, all norms have been followed and the road digging charges have been published in the gazette notification by the State Government. As per the rules, Rs. 2,000 has to be paid to dig one metre of road and Rs. 800 has to be paid to drill holes in the same length. Such roads have to be repaired with the consent of the Corporation after meeting standards. Here in the gas pipeline project, rules have been followed and there is no violation," the MP said.

(See COMMISSION on page 6)

No night curfew from Jan. 31

Bengaluru, Jan. 29- In a big relief for business and commercial establishments and the people at large, the State Government has decided to lift the night curfew from Jan. 31.

Announcing this at a press briefing at Bengaluru this noon, Revenue Minister R. Ashoka said the Government has decided to do away with night curfew (10 pm to 5 am) and 50:50 occupancy rule from Jan. 31.

The 50:50 rule in Hotels and Restaurants too has been lifted, Ashoka said adding there will be restrictions on attendance at marriages and functions, with only 200 people allowed inside halls and 300 outside.

All places of worship will be allowed to open in full capacity from Jan. 31. However, restrictions on protests, fairs and shandies would continue until further notice. Cinema theatres, swimming pools, gyms, are allowed to open with 50% occupancy.

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Mysuru-Kushalnagar four-lane Highway

Land, forest hurdles hamper road works

DC, officials assure all impediments will be cleared in a time-bound manner

Mysuru, Jan. 29 (RK&BCT)- A special meeting was called at the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office this morning regarding the implementation of the Mysuru-Kushalnagar four-lane, 93-km National Highway (NH) parallel to the existing NH-275. The meeting took into account certain hurdles that have to be cleared before the tenders are called by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham and a host of officials attended the meeting. The NH with a width of 45 metres, will start from Bramhapura between Paschimavahini and Naguvanahalli near Srirangapatna and end at Anekadu near Kushalnagar.

It is a fully Centrally-funded Project including land acquisition and other overhead costs. The road will not touch Mysuru and will link the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway that is being expanded to a 10-lane Expressway.

The project will be implemented in three phases and a major hurdle is land acquisition. Over 500 hectares of land has to be acquired for the project and there are many government and private land that come in the way. There are many acres that have been granted by the government as 'saguvali' to marginalised communities and these have to be cleared and 'durast' status has to be accorded to such lands for compensation to be distributed.

(See LAND on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 29th January 2022

Interactive session on 'Women in Society, Family and Business' held

Mysuru, Jan. 29- 'There is greater exploitation of women by putting extra pressure on the perpetrators. It has become difficult for her to maintain a work-life balance. Now, work-from-home has further forced her to give the best of both sides, leading to double drudgery,' opined Dr. R. Indira, Eminent Sociologist, Member of the SDM-IMD Governing Board, and formerly Professor of Sociology, University of Mysore.

Dr. R. Indira

Dr. Indira was the resource person for the interactive session on 'Women in Society, Family and Business' held for the Post Graduate Certificate in Management (PGCM) students of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD) recently.

Highlighting women's empowerment and their role in the management, Dr. Indira touched upon sensitive issues like domestic violence, gender equality, work-life balance, women's harassment at work-place, etc.

Regarding gender empowerment, Dr. Indira said it is more about a person's sense of self-worth and ability to make their own decisions than another metric for separating men from women.

Regarding women's roles in institutions and businesses, she claimed that it is prejudiced that women should only work in soft positions or behind the scenes, which is changing with time. Still, role expectations have remained static for a long time. As a result, it is critical for everyone in the institution to think differently about gender, and now is the appropriate time to educate and construct a gender-sensitive world, she opined.

The speaker sensitised the students on the subject and made them ponder whether successful women have always got their family's support with a humble background or they are always working hard for it.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

As the Delhi High Court hears a clutch of petitions on overturning the marital rape exception in rape law, the Judge asked why the legal response should be different for a married woman and a sex worker. He was questioning the argument that consent is hard to prove in specific instances where there is already a sexual relationship between the partners. It should be self-evident that all women, whether sex workers or other workers, married or unmarried, are the sole owners of their own bodies. To have sex with them, their consent must be established. Rape is a violation of a woman's autonomy, and marriage does not make her consent irrelevant.

Arguments about how deleting the marital rape exception will destabilise families actually only degrade the institution, cast it as a torture chamber. Also, as the Court noted, all laws can be potentially misused. We only see hand-wringing about laws that challenge social power. Most progressive legal systems now acknowledge that spousal rape is a crime. India is an exception, treating it on a par with domestic abuse and providing civil remedies. While marital rape is prosecuted in different ways, there is no justification for not legally recognising the crime — in fact, the high hurdles for proof and the social bias are all the more reasons to do so. If a woman is seen as a citizen, there can be no ambiguity about seeing marital rape as rape. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's shiest flower closes petals when touched

Tibet: A Gentiana flower discovered only a couple of years ago in Tibet has been dubbed the world's shiest flower for its ability to close in as little as seven seconds after being touched.

Chinese scientists recently published a study conducted on four species of Gentiana discovered in the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, focusing primarily on the flowers' ability to quickly respond to being touched. Plants are generally perceived as static organisms, with the only notable exceptions being carnivorous plants capable of movements designed to trap inspects inside. However, the four new species of Gentiana flowers discovered in the plateaus of Tibet have faster reactions than any other plants observed before. According to the above-mentioned study, these flowers can close completely in just 7 seconds. This ability has earned the Gentiana the unofficial title of 'world's shiest flower'.

Miso ramen dish served with a soft-serve cone

Tokyo: A Japanese restaurant has been getting a lot of attention for its unique Miso ramen dish which comes with a soft serve cone melting in the centre of the bowl.

On Jan. 4, Franken, a restaurant in Osaka, started selling its unique sweet-and-sour red miso ramen dish with a soft serve cone melting in it. Apparently, they went through many types of desserts and the soft serve was just unexpectedly compatible with the ramen dish.

"After trying more than 10 kinds of ice cream, I settled at a mixed soft serve with chocolate that is not too sweet compared to simple milk soft serve. It complements the spicy miso beautifully and doesn't interfere with the taste of ramen," Shimizu, the creator of the unusual dish said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

A major symptom of unhealthy gut can be bloating issues after you consume a meal. Unhealthy gut can lead to indigestion due to trapped gas and bad bacterial activity in your gut. Other related issues of unhealthy gut can be heartburn, constipation and diarrhea.

By Kavya J - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Selected for National-level Young Scientist contest

Mysuru, Jan. 29 - M.R. Raghav of Grade 9 from The Orchids Public School, Mysuru, is one among the 26 students who have been selected for the final round in a National-level Tech Competition - Young Scientist India 21-22 hosted by Space Kidz India.

Raghav's project was to design a Smart Garbage Monitoring System that notifies (in real time) the city's cleaning authority on the level of garbage filled in a public garbage bin with its exact location using location trackers.

Raghav with guide Vijeth.

This project was an initiative under Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) under the guidance of Vijeth, according to a press release from S. Chethana, Principal, The Orchids Public School.

REALLY...?

- ***Mud is an Old English word that has been with us since at least 1400. Other words for mud listed in the Oxford English Dictionary include slobber, slabber, slutch, lutulence, sloshiness and slushiness.***
- ***Volcanic mud is sold as moisturiser for hair: The mud penetrates the scalp, drawing out and eliminating impurities, which in turn help to invigorate and revitalise your hair.***
- ***Muddy architecture: Walls built of mud in China, Africa, India and even the cold wet climates of Northern Europe continue to provide shelter after several hundreds years of use.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

James was walking down the road one morning when he met his friend Danny.
"Morning, Danny. Er ... Danny, you're wearing a glove on one hand and none on the other. Did you know?"
"The forecaster said on the one hand it might be fine but on the other hand there might be some rain....!!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.00
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.50
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.42
1 Euro	= Rs. 83.61

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	JANUARY 27	JANUARY 28
Day's Positive Cases	2,587	1,877
Total Positive Cases	2,14,013	2,15,890
Day's Discharges	4,995	3,762
Total Discharges	1,97,633	2,01,395
Day's Deaths	5	8
Total Deaths	2,465	2,473
Total Active Cases	13,915	12,022

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

On roadside medical practitioners

Sir,

Apropos to the front page report on *'Quacks'* published in *Star of Mysore* dated Jan. 23, 2022, I have observed these tents pitched in at several places in the city simultaneously, that too in winter season.

As a layman anyone would get attracted by the roots and shoots and many eerie things kept in bottles and advertising over mike, calling gullible citizens who would be hesitant to disclose about their certain health problems with a 'gentleman doctor' but feel free to get into the tent and bear out their mind and body to get a treatment secretively.

Well, I have been wondering if the medicines or herbs sold by these quacks are so good, why on earth are those quacks and their families in such bad physical and financial conditions?

The Mysuru City Corporation authorities, with the help of the Police, should take *suo motu* action like the courts and round up these quacks who operate on roadsides without licence and proper certifications. I feel there are enough provisions in the existing law to take action against these roadside medical practitioners who endanger the health of the public.

—B.G. Balaji

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Bags International Education Excellence Award

Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna, working as an Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, was conferred the International Education Excellence Award at a function held at Taj Vivanta, New Delhi, recently by Kiteskraft Productions and MENTORx. He is seen with chief guest of the programme H.E. Herve D. Coulibaly, Head of Consular Affairs, Embassy of Burkina Faso, Delhi; Dr. Munish Jindal, Founder & CEO, HovorRobotix, Founding President - MENTORx; Dr. Sangeeta, National President - MENTORx Women, Founder & Principal Interior Designer - Urban Interiors; Alfred Villi, Executive High Commissioner of Malawi of India and Dr. Nancy Juneja, Founder & CEO, RevUp Lifeskills, Co-Founder, MENTORx.

No dilution in SC/ST promotion quota: SC

New Delhi, Jan. 29 (UNI)- The Supreme Court (SC) on Friday refused to dilute the conditions for reservation in promotion for SC/ST employees and held that the collection of quantifiable data is mandatory apart from assessment of inadequacy of representation after periodic review.

A Bench headed by Justice L. Nageswara Rao passed the judgement. The Apex Court had on Oct. 26 reserved the verdict after hearing the arguments and detailed submissions from the Centre and all the parties. The Court said a review period should be determined by the Union Government. "The State is obligated to collect quantifiable data before granting reservation in promotion to Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe (SC/ ST) employees. It cannot lay down new yardstick after the Constitution bench decision in Nagaraj (2006) and Jarnail Singh (2018)," the Court said.

"Cadre should be unit for collection for quantifiable data for reservation. The collection cannot be with respect to entire class/class/group, but it should be relatable to Grade/Category of post to which promotion is sought. Cadre should be the unit for collecting quantifiable data."

Justice Rao said: "On the basis of arguments, we have divided the submission into six points. One is yardstick. In the light of Jarnail Singh and Nagaraj, we have said we cannot lay down any yardstick. With respect to the unit for collecting quantifiable data, we have said that the State is obligated to collect quantifiable data."

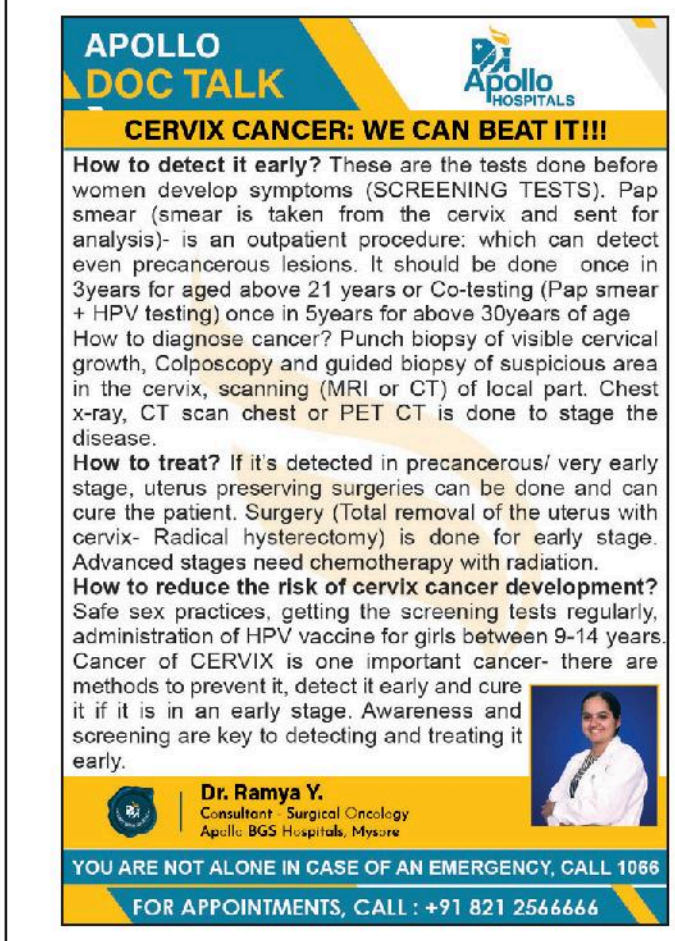
He said: "We have not expressed any opinion on the merits of individual cases. We have answered only the common issues formulated after hearing the parties. We are listing the matter on Feb. 24."

Obituary

Radhakrishnamurthy

Mysuru, Jan. 29- Radhakrishnamurthy (76), a resident of Rambabainagar in city, passed away on Thursday.

He leaves behind his wife Indramma, a son, a daughter, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.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NEWS BRIEFS

AGM postponed

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Kunchitigara Sangha, Devaraja Mohalla, which was earlier scheduled to be held on Jan. 30, has been postponed adhering to the government's COVID protocol. The revised date will be announced later, according to Sangha Hon. Secretary M.R. Yogeesha. [Ph: 0821-2422973]

Suttur Jathra

The Jathra Mahotsava of Adijagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Mahaswamiji of Suttur Sri Kshethra, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District, will be a symbolic one and confined to traditional rituals for one day where the public is not allowed. However, rituals and puja ceremonies may be watched live through the following links on the evening of Jan. 29 and 30 [***https://www.youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline*** & ***https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP***], according to a press release from S. Shiva Kumar Swamy, Secretary, Jathra Mahothsava Committee and JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru.

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will disrupted on Jan. 31 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Maharshi School, surrounding areas of Jockey factory, Hosahundi, Gudumadanahalli, Hadajana, Marashettihalli, Bandipalya, APMC Market and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer, CESC, N.R. Mohalla Division.

WATER LEVEL

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Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	119.88 feet
Yesterday	:	120.12 feet
Inflow	:	900 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,241 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,282.44 feet
Inflow	:	188 cusecs
Outflow	:	400 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,856.61 feet
Inflow	:	154 cusecs
Outflow	:	50 cusecs

Mandya's Hi-tech Cancer Hospital remains in limbo

By M.K. Mohanraj

Mandya, Jan. 29- Thanks to official apathy and callousness of elected representatives, the Mandya Hi-tech Cancer Hospital has remained in limbo despite sanction of funds.

As a convenience to patients from Mandya and surrounding districts, the Government had sanctioned a Hi-tech Cancer Hospital at Mandya in 2014 on the lines of Bengaluru's Kidwai Memorial Hospital. The Hi-tech Cancer Hospital which is coming up in Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS) campus on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road in the heart of Mandya city, has remained incomplete for years, which has led to the public raising eyebrows.

The Cancer Hospital was first proposed in 1996, following which it came up in a small building in MIMS Hospital premises. But this Cancer Hospital was limited to just initial treatment and most often, the patients were referred to Bengaluru's Kidwai Cancer Hospital.

The idea of a full-fledged Cancer Hospital was conceived when the then Mandya MP Ramya visited MIMS Hospital in 2013.

Later, Ramya took up the issue with the then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and the then Union Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, who sanctioned a Cancer Hospital, with the Central Government bearing 60 percent of the cost and the rest 40 percent by the State Government.

The Hospital was then estimated to cost Rs. 45 crore and was expected to cater to the medical needs of five districts — Mandya, Mysuru, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Ramanagara.

As Ramya lost the MP elections in the 2014 Lok Sabha Polls, C.S. Puttaraju who became the MP took up the Hospital cause and was instrumental in preparing the blueprint for the project. He also strived for getting funds released from the Centre, following which works on the construction of the building began.

Later, L.R. Shivaramegowda, who became the MP for a brief period, too pursued the cause and ensured that the works did not stop for want of funds. But years after that, the building remains to be completed, thus shattering the hopes of cancer patients of old Mysuru region, who were in anticipation of a full-fledged Cancer Hospital.

According to MIMS Director Dr. Harish, the works on the Cancer Hospital began in 2017 and still Rs. 5 crore is needed for completion of the building.

Pointing out that Rs. 30.2 crore out of the sanctioned Rs. 45 crore was released then, he said that while Rs. 12 crore was meant for construction of the building, the rest Rs. 18.2 crore was reserved for purchase of equipment. But now, all the Rs. 12 crore meant for building construction has been utilised and still Rs. 5 crore more is needed for its completion, Dr. Harish said and added that the building works will be expedited once the additional Rs. 5 crore needed is released by the Government.

Meanwhile, the apathetic attitude of elected representatives has drawn the ire of people. Accusing the current Mandya MP Sumalatha and other elected representatives, including Mandya MLA M. Srinivas of doing little for getting the funds released, the people have urged netas and the authorities to take interest in the completion of the Hospital project and thus save precious lives of patients who are battling with the dreaded Cancer.

Articles destroyed as house catches fire

Mysuru, Jan. 29 (SBD&DM)- In yet another fire mishap reported in the city in recent days, the first floor of a house caught fire at Alanahalli, destroying household articles.

The house located behind the bus stop at Giridarshini Layout in Alanahalli, is said to have caught fire when nobody was in the house. Flames that erupted from the first floor of the house spread to the outside, when neighbours alerted Fire personnel.

Fire tenders from Bannimantap Fire Station rushed to the spot within minutes and succeeded in dousing out the fire. However by then, most of the household articles were reduced to ashes, it is learnt.

The fire is said to have been caused by a lit candle, which fell down due to the wind, resulting in window screens and other clothing materials catching fire.

The occupants of the house had gone out after lighting a candle close to a window, it is learnt.

Fire Officer Shivaswamy, staff Arjun, Satyanarayan, Krishna, Seenu, Mahadeva and Raghavendra took part in the operation.

Loan against gold for less interest

N'gud Cops arrest couple for snatching gold ornaments

Nanjangud, Jan. 29 (Chandru &KS)- Nanjangud Police have arrested a couple for snatching away gold ornaments weighing 45 grams from another couple.

The accused had asked the couple to come to Hullahalli with the gold ornaments after promising them that they would get them gold loan for a very less interest rate from a bank there.

The accused are Prasad and his wife Bhagya, residents of Hangala village in Gundlupet taluk, while the couple, who lost their gold jewellery is Shivamani and Basavanna, residents of Mottha village in the taluk.

The accused couple, who had come to Mottha village on Jan. 24, met Shivamani and Basavanna couple and told them that they would get them gold loan for less interest from a bank so that they (Shivamani and Basavanna) can build their house. The accused then told the couple to bring their gold jewellery to Hullahalli on Jan. 25 so that they could get the loan from the bank.

Believing them, Shivamani and Basavanna came to Hullahalli and met the accused, who in turn asked Shivamani to give them the gold so that they could proceed to the bank for getting loan.

But when Shivamani insisted that she too will come along with them, Bhagya held Shivamani's hands, while Prasad snatched away the pouch from Shivamani containing gold ornament and sped away on a scooter in a blink of an eye. Though Shivamani's husband Basavanna, tried to follow the accused, they had sped away, following which they lodged a complaint with Hullahalli Police.

Nanjangud Circle Inspector Lakshmikanth Talawar, said that Hullahalli Police have arrested the accused within 24 hours of the crime and added that the Police are interrogating the couple to know whether they are involved in similar cases.

Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

of mice and men

Random thoughts

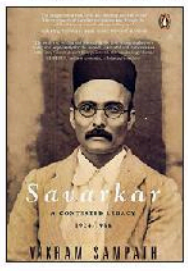
I do not know why or how. The day following our Republic Day, which went well all over the country, including Lal Chowk in Srinagar, J&K, I decided I must try a column of my traditional *Abracadabra* in a mutated form to touch upon topical subjects or the remembered ones.

The question arose. What about the common title. I thought of Frank Moraes, Editor of *Indian Express,* who was writing the weekly pen-sketch of important events and leaders globally.

So here I am, inspired by Frank Moraes and borrowing his hashline for the column, *"Mice and Men."* Google says it is from a poem "To a Mouse" by Robert Burns. And why bring in mouse? It was believed rats always go in the wrong direction! And escape or get caught — like men! This reminded me of a RK Ashram Monk, from my native place Kodagu writing a very popular song about 'mosquitoes' in Kodava language, *Sollekka,* to fight the scourge of Malaria and create awareness.

Savarkar: A legacy to remember

I have read the first part of the book on Savarkar by the young historian Vikram Sampath and had written in my *Abracadabra* column. I remember attending his interview at Hotel Southern Star.



The second volume (of his Contested Legacy 1924-1964) was lying around and decided to take a look at it. It seemed a tedious reading. But after his incarceration for 10 years in the solitary cell at the Andaman's Cellular Jail and transfer to Ratnagiri, he was a transformed man more into social reforms which our Hindu community across the country urgently needs. He had become mellowed with British imposed restrictions, poverty and deteriorating health. He was an effective catalyst for social reformation of Hindu society but had his own limitations.

The Hindu people, spread across this huge country is humongous, gargantuan, divided demographically on the basis of their own Gods and Goddesses within the Hindu religion. Though of many languages and where they speak the same language, they are divided on the basis of caste, sub-caste, creed and cult. People dress differently in different parts of the country and eat food of totally different kind, whether the staple item is wheat or rice or ragi or whatever. As for culture, their music, dance, drama, celebration of festival differ from one another even when they are divided by only a few hundred miles apart.

That was the only reason invaders could easily subjugate us and rule for over 1,081 years! It is here leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose and Veer Savarkar became relevant.

On this Republic Day, let us salute him too for continuing his work to reform the complex Hindu society even after independence.

Father Noronha

Other day as I was passing through the Millennium Circle, I had to stop due to traffic jam. Then I saw a gully road, very poorly maintained, going to a Christian Seminary where my late friend and well-wisher Fr. Noronha was staying alone after the mandatory retirement. I went twice to see him while he was there. Weak and he looked lost and surprised seeing me.

He mentioned of some of his earlier VIP guests visiting him, including the Suttur Swamiji. He did not seem to be satisfied with the facilities given to him by the new dispensation. But that is life and destiny. Accept what you cannot change.

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Burnt Kannada library at Rajivnagar reopens for public

Mysuru, Jan. 29 (BCT)- The Kannada library of Syed Isak at Rajivnagar 5th Cross, which was burnt down in the wee hours of Apr. 9, 2021, was inaugurated on Wednesday as part of Republic Day (Jan. 26).

Interestingly, students inaugurated the library that now offers more than 2,000 books in various languages, particularly Kannada and newspapers in Kannada, English and Urdu. The library is located in an area where there is a majority of the Urdu-speaking population.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, MP Pratap Simha, former Mayor Ayub Khan, representatives of various Kannada organisations and others participated in the inaugural ceremony.

Syed Isak, a senior citizen who eked out a living by working as a daily wager, had pooled in his hard-earned money to build the library with zinc sheet roof at the corner of a playground in Rajivnagar. He was running the library for the benefit of the public for 11 years. But unfortunately, the library got burnt down.

Later it was discovered by the Police that an ignited match stick thrown into a sofa repair shop behind the library caused the fire. While relief poured in as the media brought to fore Syed's plight, the promise made by authorities to build the library at the same place remained unfulfilled.

Syed Isak later himself built the structure out of the remaining funds that were sponsored by donors and elected representatives. Former Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan, MP Pratap Simha, Minister for Cooperation S.T. Somashekar and others had donated money. The library, rebuilt with corrugated metal sheets, is open to the public now.

Soon after the library was destroyed, the Mysuru City Corporation, Department of Libraries and Mysuru Urban Development Authority had jointly pledged to take up the responsibility of constructing a full-fledged library. But even after months, things did not move as per Syed's wishes, forcing him to take up the reconstruction at a cost of Rs. 4 lakh.

At present, Syed has 2,150 books and the Professors of the University of Mysore have assured of donating 6,500 books.

MCC to penalise people for indiscreet dumping of waste

Mysuru, Jan. 29 (GA & DM)- After creating widespread awareness against indiscreet dumping of waste and garbage, the MCC is all set to penalise the public if they are found dumping wastes in a haphazard manner anywhere in the city.

MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy has asked the public to co-operate with MCC garbage collectors who arrive at doorsteps daily.

Pointing out that it has been found that many residents are failing in waste segregation, he said that it has become a habit for them to put all types and forms of waste in plastic covers and throw them along the roads.

Noting that those found indulging in such indiscreet dumping were penalised Rs.500, he said that the MCC is mulling on hiking this penalty to Rs. 1,000.

Maintaining that Mysuru had once earned the cleanest city tag and Mysureans should live up to such reputation, he said that the MCC will not tolerate any irresponsibility of the citizens and will heavily penalise those found dumping wastes.

Meanwhile, Mallesh of Namma Mysuru Foundation, said that the Foundation has been doing cleaning works around Chamundi Hill for the past couple of years. Pointing out that wastes filled covers, empty liquor bottles and water bottles are found aplenty around the foothill, he said that cattle are often found caught in problems after consuming plastic covers.

Explaining the hazards, Mallesh said that plastics need a very long time to get dissolved in earth. Noting that plastics also erase soil fertility, he said that people must co-operate with the authorities in waste disposal.

Calling residents to realise their responsibility, he said the MCC on its part should act tough on residents who indulge in indiscreet waste dumping.

'Direct to home' piped gas project

Now, MLA Nagendra locks horns with MP Pratap Simha

'You can't just dig the roads and leave'

Mysuru, Jan. 29 (MTY&BCT)- A chink in the armour of Mysuru BJP has been exposed with MLAs openly opposing the Centre's piped gas project that is being implemented in Mysuru in a phased manner. The project has been backed by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and rumblings have been heard from his own party MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra.

L. Nagendra

The project involves digging of roads to lay the pipeline and first, Krishnaraja MLA Ramdas reportedly asked the Corporators not to support the project as it involves digging of roads, even the main roads, arterial roads, lanes and bylanes. A day later, Chamaraja MLA Nagendra hit out at the MP and questioned him who will restore the roads that have been dug up for the project.

In an apparent dig at Ramdas, Pratap Simha had stated that some MLAs were celebrating festivals in the name of PM Modi. "It is of no use to just display Modi photos and celebrate festivals and utsavs. Even Modi's people-friendly projects must be implemented. People are watching these developments. Why did the MLAs not oppose when roads were dug up by telecom companies," Simha questioned.

Reacting sharply to the MP's statements, Nagendra told reporters that many dug up roads in the city in all the areas had been repaired at a cost of Rs. 300 to rs. 400 crore over the last 3-4 years. "The company executing the gas pipeline project is paying only Rs. 99 crore after digging up about 500 kms road to lay the gas pipeline. Who will bear the remaining amount for repair of the roads," he questioned.

"I have written to the Mayor and Corporation Commissioner and have asked how many kilometres of road will be dug up in my Constituency and whether the cost has been calculated for its repair. I have no objection to the project sanctioned by the Centre and in fact, I will welcome more such projects. But the project has to fulfil ground-level needs. You cannot just dig the roads and leave," he said.

"All the Corporators are raising questions as people in turn are asking them questions. What is wrong in expressing concern over road digging? Corporators do not know much about the company implementing the project and its owner. People who are implementing the project must answer the concerns," he said.

MP ELECTION

Moving a step ahead, Nagendra hit out at MP Simha for his remarks that he (MP) had received as many votes as they (MLAs) had received from their Constituencies in the Lok Sabha elections.

"All of us including Simha won because of the hard work of the party workers and party Corporators. Especially in Simha's election, we MLAs and Corporators have worked day and night and though the MP failed to visit most of the areas in our Constituencies, we ensured that maximum votes were gained by him. I pleaded before the voters to vote for Simha and in Chamaraja Constituency, because of our efforts he got a lead of 45,000 votes," he said.

On Simha's claims that he had won in the highest victory margin, Nagendra said, "The JD(S) had not fielded a candidate in the last Lok Sabha elections from Mysuru and as such, Simha's victory margin was high. As a people's representative, the MP should earn their trust. This can be achieved not by words but by deeds," Nagendra said.

Australian Open: Medvedev Vs Nadal in finals

Melbourne, Jan. 29- Daniil Medvedev won a tempestuous Australian Open semi-final against Stefanos Tsitsipas on Friday and will face Rafael Nadal, who is bidding to become the all-time men's Grand Slam leader, in Sunday's final. World number two Medvedev beat fourth-ranked Tsitsipas 7-6 (7/5), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 to reach his second straight Australian Open final.

Earlier the 35-year-old Spanish great powered past the Italian seventh seed Matteo Berrettini 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Nadal is level on 20 majors with his golden era rivals Novak Djokovic, who was deported on the eve of the tournament, and Roger Federer, who is absent with injury.

Rafael Nadal Vs Daniil Medvedev at 2 pm tomorrow (Jan. 30).

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No chance to pocket commission

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Compared to LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas), PNG is cheaper, safer and also efficient. "If a consumer pays Rs. 1,000 for an LPG cylinder, he will just pay half the amount for PNG. Mysuru has been selected for the project among 13 cities but our elected representatives are opposing the project giving silly reasons," Pratap Simha said.

"As it is a gas pipeline project, work cannot be done in a haphazard manner. Krishnaraja and Chamaraja are not fiefdom of certain individuals and they must respect the wishes of people," he said. Launching a direct attack, Pratap Simha sarcastically said that MLAs Ramdas and Nagendra are senior in politics to PM Modi and probably that is why they are opposing Modi's projects.

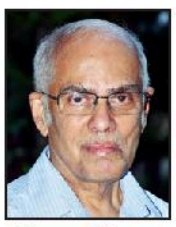
"In Chamaraja alone, over 539.34 km of roads will be dug up and as per the standard rates fixed by the State Government, more than Rs. 300 crore will be paid as road digging charges," he said and questioned the MLAs that why they were mute spectators when many telecom companies dug up roads to lay cables.

"As per the bylaws of the Public Works Department, any contractor who lays the roads has to maintain it for three years. Why do you lay roads every year during Dasara and what happened to the bylaws? Why do you demand fund release every year," Simha questioned.

Qualms on gas pipeline project uncalled for

International oil expert says MCC should approve people-friendly project without any misgivings

Mysuru, Jan. 29 (BCT)- The move to put hurdles on the ambitious gas pipeline project by a section of Corporators and elected representatives is unfortunate and will go down in Mysuru's history as a chapter of infamy. This is nothing but betrayal of the city by our own leaders, opined international oil and energy expert Bhamy V. Shenoy.



Bhamy Shenoy

In a communiqué to the media, Bhamy, who has vast experience in handling the gas supply chain at international level, has said that the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) should approve the project to supply piped gas to domestic consumers without any misgivings.

The project of procuring cooking gas through pipeline at home through Piped Natural Gas (PNG) that was announced in September 2021 has already begun and works are on to lay pipelines and metres to houses in Hebbal. The project will be realised by 2023 where over 40,000 homes in Mysuru will get the supply in the first phase.

IMMENSELY BENEFICIAL

Following reports of objections raised by a section of Corporators and elected representatives on the Narendra Modi Government project being implemented, Bhamy Shenoy observed that the leaders must realise the benefits of the project before putting hurdles in it.

Bhamy Shenoy is the former Manager of Strategic Planning at ConocoPhillips and he was also the member of the Board of National Oil Company of Georgia. As an expert in managing gas supply chains (as USAID Consultant), he was in charge of managing a gas company Tbilgazi, in Tbilisi, Georgia and had first-hand experience of how Georgians suffered when they lost gas supplies and the problems they faced in using LPG.

"Rather, the leaders must work towards speedy implementation of the project that is immensely beneficial to the people of Mysuru. Instead of betrayal, they must join hands towards development," he said.

PREFERRED COOKING FUEL

"All over the developing world, even where there are no domestic natural gas supplies, it is a preferred cooking fuel. Even in many developing countries whenever it can get access to gas supplies, it is a preferred fuel," he stated.

As part of increasing the share of gas in meeting India's energy requirements, Prime Minister Modi has set the goal of 15 percent for gas by 2030. One of the strategies to reach that goal is to supply gas to residences in most urban centres.

MYSURU LUCKY

"We in Mysuru are fortunate to be one such urban centre to get gas supply. I would have expected our elected leaders to urge the Centre to expedite the project. It is unfortunate that instead our Corporators are putting hurdles to delay the project by advancing irrational arguments. It is just a question of time that gas will come to Mysuru and we the people will welcome it," Bhamy has stated.

Compared to LPG, piped gas is a preferred fuel for several reasons. From a safety point, natural gas is a preferred one. From an energy security point also, natural gas is preferred one. It is not easy to disrupt gas supplies because of any disruptions like gas staff going on strike.

"The supply chain of LPG is far more complex than the natural gas supply chain. India is increasingly dependent on imports to meet the requirement of LPG and natural gas. Natural gas burns better and cleaner than LPG to produce less greenhouse gases," he argued.

Difference between LPG and piped gas

In chemical terms, LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) consists mostly of propane and butane which are heavy molecules compared to piped gas which is methane. Both are in gaseous form at normal conditions.

India depends on imports to meet the requirement of both LPG and natural gas though India produces both. Natural gas is imported in the liquefied form at extremely low temperatures in special ships. LPG is imported from different countries though mostly from the Middle East, China, US, etc. In the case of LNG (natural gas), it is mostly from Qatar, Australia, US, Malaysia, etc.

SWR electrifying trains at fast pace

Mysuru, Jan. 29 - South Western Railway (SWR) is running Train No. 11312/11311 Hassan-Solapur-Hassan Daily Express with electric locomotive between Solapur-Yesvantpur-Solapur with effect from Jan. 28 for train journey commencing from Hassan and with effect from 29th for train journey commencing from Solapur. Earlier, this train was running with Diesel Locomotive from end to end, between Hassan and Solapur.

Similarly, Train No. 17307/17308 Mysuru- Bagalkot- Mysuru Basava Express is running with Electric Locomotive between Mysuru-Solapur-Mysuru with effect from Jna.28 for train journey commencing from Mysuru and with effect from 29th for train journey commencing from Bagalkot. Earlier this train was running with electric locomotive between Mysuru and Yesvantpur.

In SWR in last two financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21, 48 trains — 24 in each year — have been taken over / extended to run

on Electric Engines.

Sanjeev Kishore, General Manager, South Western Railway, said that in the current financial year 2021-22 already 22 trains have been converted to electric traction to run with electric engines and now 4 have been implemented from Jan.28.

Basava Express will now run 76% of the route between Mysuru-KSR Bengaluru-Dharmavaram-Guntakal-Raichur-Wadi-Kalaburagi-Solapur with Electric Engine. Similarly, Hassan-Solapur-Hassan Express will run 78% of the route with electric engine, 652 kilometres (between Yesvantpur-Dharmavaram-Guntakal-Raichur-Wadi -Kalaburagi-Solapur) out of 826 km.

Running of these 4 trains with electrical engines for major part of the route is expected to save more than 10,000 litres of diesel every day. SWR is actively working to switch minimum 10 more trains to Electric engines in next two months, with specific focus on sections where Electrification has already been completed.

In the current Financial Year from April 2021, 232 RKM of Electrification has been completed so far in South Western Railway and is aiming to complete electrification of another 200-plus RKM in next two months. From 200-plus RKM in 2016, the electrified track on SWR has now risen to 1,452 RKM which is 40% of the total route km of SWR, according to a press release from E. Vijaya, Chief Public Relations Officer, South Western Railway, Hubballi.

Land, forest hurdles hamper road works

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Tahsildars of Mysuru, Hunsur, Periyapatna, Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors of Land Records were asked to survey the land as per the path of the Highway and ensure the process of 'podi' and 'durast' are completed.

The DC asked the officials to conduct a survey and clear the land hurdles within a month so that the project tenders can be called in March this year. Once the Deputy Director of Land Records submits a report to the DC, the land conversion comes into force.

Secondly, the officials from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) have been asked to shift their 15 substations and power grids that are along the NH and funds will be provided by the NHAI for the shifting process.

Over 34.5 acres of forest land comes under the project purview and among the lands many people are cultivating crops. Forest officials were asked by the DC to clear the confusion whether it is forest land or revenue land and handover the same to the NHAI after appropriate clearance.

The NH will pass through 57 canals and 11 lakes from Paschimavahini to Kushalnagar. These lands must also be handed over to the NHAI. There is a controversy in the land acquisition at Periyapatna where certain Tibetans are claiming ownership over the land though the land was granted to them by the Centre as part of the international amnesty policy.

Officials were asked how Tibetans can claim ownership though they do not possess documents of the land. They were directed to take inputs from the Ministry of External Affairs and clear the hurdles after allotting alternative land if cultivated and after examining the feasibility.

Zilla Panchayat CEO A.M. Yogesh, Project Director of Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway B.T. Sridhar, Special Land Acquisition Officer A. Devaraj, Manager Venkatachala, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Executive Engineers Sunil and Mohan, Tahsildars and land record officers of Hunsur, Mysuru and Periyapatna, Forest and Horticulture Department officers were present.

Insult to Dr. Ambedkar's portrait

Organisations seek removal of Judge

Mysuru, Jan. 29 (PM&DM)- The protests by Dalit organisations and other groups demanding the sacking of Raichur District and Sessions Court Judge who had allegedly insulted Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by reportedly ordering the removal of his (Dr. Ambedkar) portrait during the Republic Day celebrations at Raichur on Jan. 26, entered the third day today in the city.

Hundreds of activists took part in the massive rally organised under the aegis of Adikarnataka Mahasamsthe Mattu Dalita Sanghatanegala Okkoota.

The rally, which commenced from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar park in Ashokapuram, passed through Ashoka Circle (Ballal circle), Ramaswamy Circle, JLB road, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle and Vinoba Road, before reaching the DC's office, where a memorandum seeking sacking and legal action against the Judge, was submitted. Urilinga Peddimutt Seer Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji and ex-Mayor Purushottam led the rally.

In another rally, hundreds of people under the banner of Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagruta Vedike, took out a march from Mahatma Gandhi's bust opposite the City Law Courts Complex to the DC's office, where a memorandum was submitted seeking action against the Judge for allegedly insulting Dr. Ambedkar. The rally passed through Krishnaraja Boulevard.

In yet another protest, members of Pragatipara Sanghatanegala Okkoota, staged a demonstration in front of Dr. Ambedkar's statue in Town Hall.

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60th Heritage Music Festival concludes

SPVGMC Trust thanks artistes, music-lovers

Trichur Brothers Vid. Ramkumar Mohan and Vid. Krishna Mohan presenting a vocal concert at 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, on the last day of the 60th Heritage Music Festival yesterday evening organised by Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust. They are accompanied by Vid. Vishvesh Chandrasekhar on violin, Vid. Trichur Mohan on mridanga and Vid. B.S. Purushotham on kanjira. Picture right shows a section of audience enjoying the vocal duet.

Mysuru, Jan. 29- The 60th Heritage Music Festival, organised by Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust at 8th Cross in V.V. Mohalla, concluded last evening with a vocal duet by Trichur Brothers Vid. Ramkumar Mohan and Vid. Krishna Mohan.

Popular as '8th Cross Ganesha Music Festival' as concerts are organised every year during the Ganesha Festival in August-September at 8th Cross Pandal, for the first time the Heritage Music Festival was held in the month of January. Following COVID outbreak, the previous edition (the 59th Festival) was held online in 2020.

Many renowned artistes performed at this prestigious venue every day from Jan. 6, excluding weekend curfew, at 6.15 pm till Jan. 28. Kavya Vaachana was held between 5.15 pm and 6.15 pm daily.

In a press release, SPVGMC Trust has thanked all the artistes who came all the way from various places and performed in the Diamond Jubilee Music Festival even in this tough pandemic situation.

"There were a few last minute changes in the festival as some of the artistes could not come and perform due to quarantine etc. But still with the love, support and affection on our Trust some of the artistes agreed for last minute requests and performed at the Pandal. We express our gratitude to all the artistes without whom this music festival could not have been conducted successfully," said Trust Secretary C.R. Himamshu.

SPVGMC has also thanked all the kalarasikas, music-lovers, donors, patrons, Police Department, authorities of CESC and MCC, Media and each and everyone who helped directly or indirectly with their unconditional support in the smooth conduct of the music festival.

SPVGMC Trust Patron Vasu, President M. Jagannath Shenoy, Vice-President Lakshminarayan and all other Trustees too extended valuable support in hosting the Diamond Jubilee Heritage Music Festival in COVID times.

The 61st Ganesha Heritage Music Festival is scheduled during August - September 2022.

Rs.1.27 crore sought for
renovation of Old Santhepet temple

Mysuru, Jan.29 (MK&DM)- With the famed Sri Prasanna Nanjundeshwara temple in Old Santhepet area of the city in a dilapidated state, the authorities have sought Rs.1.27 crore from the Government for its renovation and repair.

Chamaraja MLA L.Nagendra told *SOM* that special *pujas* will be performed at the temple during the *Rathotsava* that will take place during *Shivaratri, Holi* and *Shashti* festivals, which will be attended by thousands of devotees.

Pointing out that Sri Prasanna Nanjundeshwara temple is one of the oldest temples of the city, he said that the temple needs immediate repairs as the temple roof and walls have developed huge cracks and even the compound wall is on the verge of collapse.

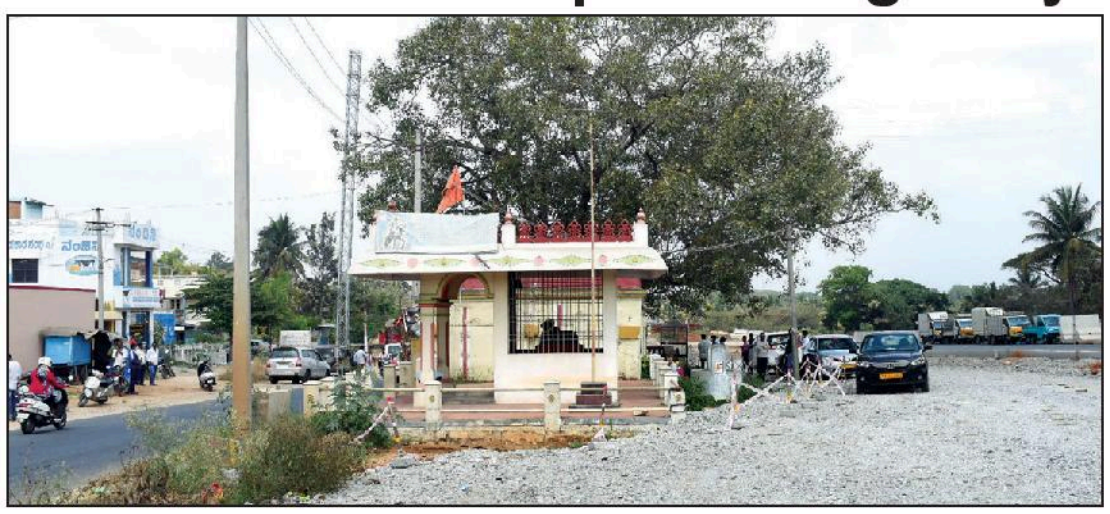
Maintaining that a Rs.1.27 crore proposal has been sent to the Government for renovation and repair of the temple, he said that funds will be released soon.

Corporator Pramila Bharath said that the compound wall of the temple is in a poor shape and it requires urgent repair. Pointing out that Rs.10 lakh has been sought from Muzrai Department for immediate repairs, she said that there will be no security for the temple if the wall collapsed.

Muzrai Tahsildar C.J. Krishna said that an estimate has been sent to the Government on renovation and repair of the temple and it is expected that funds will be released soon.

Meanwhile, local residents are of the opinion that the temple can be further developed if it is brought under the purview of Chamundi Hill temple.

MP and MLA assure of saving
Kalastawadi temple on Highway



Mysuru, Jan. 29 (RK&DM)- Even as the popular Anjaneya temple at Kalastawadi on Mysuru-Benglauru Highway faces the threat of demolition for Highway expansion, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha and Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda have assured the villagers that the temple would be saved from demolition.

The two visited Kalastawadi after the villagers expressed apprehension that the temple would be demolished to pave way for Highway expansion, held talks with NHAI Planning Director Sridhar and other engineers on ways to save the temple.

As per the alignment for the 10-lane Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, the centuries-old Anjaneya temple at Kalastawadi will have to be demolished for road expansion.

Maintaining that the authorities have planned to demolish the temple, the villagers demanded a change in alignment of the road, so that the temple, which was built by Vyasaraja, could be saved.

MP Simha and MLA GTD held discussions with the authorities on re-aligning the road in such a way that the temple could be saved while at the same time ensuring that road works do not hit any further bottlenecks.

Carcass of two tiger cubs found during tiger estimation at Nagarahole

Mysuru, Jan. 29 (MTY&KS)- Forest staff have found carcasses of two tiger cubs during the tiger estimation exercise at D.B. Kuppe Range in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve on Tuesday morning. It is suspected that a male tiger may have killed the cubs in the absence of the tigress.

On spotting the carcasses of the cubs, the Forest staff immediately informed their higher officials, who immediately rushed to the spot along with the veterinarian and conducted an inspection.

The dead cubs are said to be 8-10 months old. One of the dead cubs is a female, while the gender of the other cub could not be established as most of its body was eaten away by other wild animals. Samples have been sent to the lab for DNA tests and the gender of the other cub can be established only after receiving the reports.

This year's National Tiger Estimation (Census) programme is being undertaken with an expectation that Karnataka will be in the number one position for having the highest number of tigers.

It is alleged that the Forest Department authorities were trying to hush up the death of the two cubs.

Meanwhile, wildlife activists said that the Forest officials, who used to upload even a small incident on social media platform, have not uploaded the death of the two tiger cubs and alleged that none of the officials received the calls made to them to enquire about the deaths, which gives rise to speculations.

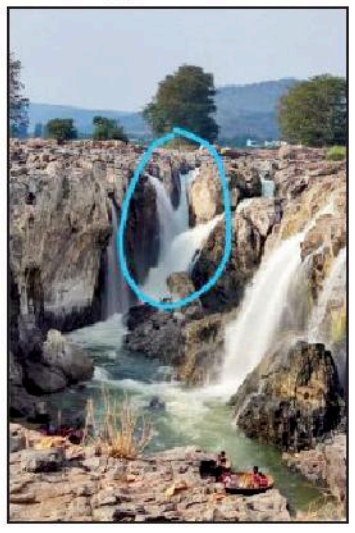
The tiger cubs were cremated in the presence of Forest officials and others.

Youth drowns in Hogenakkal Falls while clicking selfies

Hanur, Jan. 29 (Somu&KS)- A 20-year-old youth was drowned after he slipped and fell into Hogenakkal Falls in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu border on Thursday.

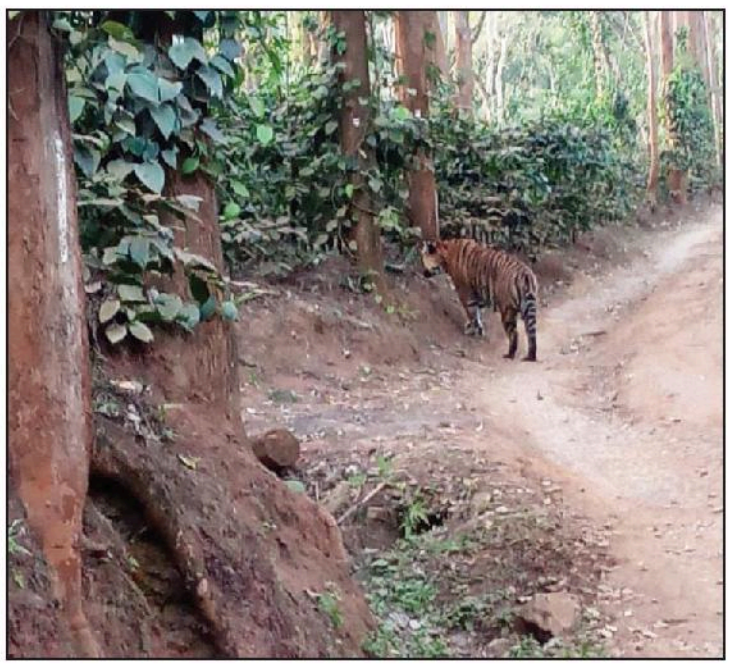
The deceased is Umashankar, a nursing student and a resident of Nanjangud, who had come along with his friends on a picnic. He was clicking selfies, when he slipped and fell into the falls.

Male Mahadeshwara Hills (MM Hills) Police Inspector Basavaraju and staff, who rushed to the spot, inspected the place and summoned expert divers and swimmers from Gopinatham to trace and fish out the body.



"The youth's body was traced about 50 metres from the spot on Friday," confirmed Inspector Basavaraju.

Tiger spotted inside coffee estate



Madikeri, Jan. 29 (KS)- A tiger has been spotted wandering inside a coffee estate in Maldare Gram Panchayat limits in broad daylight. The tiger was sighted inside Margolli Coffee Estate which has created a sense of fear among the villagers.

Following the sighting of the huge tiger recently, workers have stopped coming to work and picking of coffee and pepper has been completely stopped resulting in huge loss to the growers.

Meanwhile, villagers alleged that they were already suffering from crop losses due to wild elephants raiding their plantation and now spotting of tiger in broad daylight inside the coffee estate had created fear among all.

Despite complaining to Forest officials about it, nothing has been done to capture the tiger, the villagers accused.

Farmers open fire to chase elephant herd at Anechowkuru

20-year-old female jumbo killed in the incident

Hunsur, Jan. 29 (Raghu)- A female jumbo died after a few farmers opened fire at a herd of jumbos to chase them away at Sulagodu village in Anechowkuru Reserve Forest area near Nagarahole National Park in the taluk on Friday.

A herd of jumbos came out of the forest area for food during early hours.

The ill-fated jumbo, aged around 20 years, collapsed as a bullet hit and died instantly at an agricultural land belonging to one Revanna after the farmers opened fire, according to Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) Sathish.

"The incident occurred about 500 metres away from the forest area. A complaint has been lodged and a search operation is on to trace the suspects," he added.

Forest Department Veterinarian Dr. Ramesh visited the spot and conducted the post-mortem.

Engineer dies while on duty

Doreswamy

K.R. Pet, Jan. 29- A 59-year old Engineer with Hemavathi Dam project of Cauvery Neeravari Nigam, died of a heart attack while on work at his office in K.R. Pet town on Thursday afternoon. The deceased engineer has been identified as Doreswamy (59).

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at his native village Chattangere in the taluk on Friday, according to sources.

H.D. Kote TMC Officer suspended for irregularities

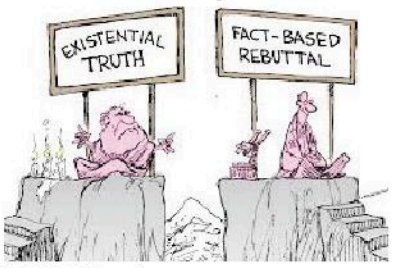
Ashok

H.D. Kote, Jan. 29 (Manju)- H.D. Kote Town Municipal Council (TMC) Executive Officer Ashok has been suspended for irregularities that he allegedly committed when he served as T. Narasipur TMC Executive Officer previously.

Ashok is accused of illegal Khata registration of Government lands coming under different survey Nos. at T. Narasipur to private parties, when he was serving at T. Narasipur TMC earlier. Ashok is also accused of causing financial losses to the Government in the tender for repair of water pumping motors, failure to safeguard a prime Government land in Ward. 17 of T. Narasipur town and dereliction of duty in respect of formation and distribution of sites to beneficiaries at Byrapura in the taluk, among others. As the charges against Ashok are found to be prima facie true, the Director of Municipal Administration has ordered Ashok's suspension, it is learnt.

WORD OF THE DAY

Non sequitur



Pronunciation: NAHN-SEK-wuh-ter.
Meaning: A non sequitur is a statement that either does not logically follow from or is not clearly related to what was previously said.
Origin: In Latin, non sequitur means "it does not follow." The phrase was borrowed into English in the 1500s by people who made a formal study of logic. For them, it meant a conclusion that does not follow from the statements that lead to it. But we now use non sequitur for any kind of statement that seems to come out of the blue.
Example: "[Norm Macdonald] was always open about how much he worshipped David Letterman.... His impersonation of his idol on SNL ... was sharp enough to turn some of Letterman's verbal quirks and repeated non sequiturs ('Ehh....got any gum?') into a spot-on impression." — Rolling Stone

THE ODD WORD

Nabalism

Churlishness.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Never bite the hand that feeds you

Meaning: You use the expression 'Never Bite The Hand That Feeds You' to explain the importance of acting respectfully toward those you depend upon.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'never bites the hand that feeds you' isn't known. One of the first times it was seen in print was during the 18th century, when political writer Edmund Burke said "having looked to government for bread, on the first scarcity they will turn and bite the hand that fed them." The term is believed to be hundreds of years old.
Example: "I know the boss isn't always nice, but remember: Never bite the hand that feeds you."

QUOTE BOX

Keep feeding your faith until your doubts starve to death.

— Navjot Singh Sidhu

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

QUITE

Answer: Quite right.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Inquire of
4 Year in St. Gregory I's papacy
7 Regional Sales Manager, abbr.
10 French composer ___ Satie
11 Greek goddess of dawn
12 English painter
14 Intrude gradually
16 ___ one's time : await best opportunity?
17 Rep. of Korea
18 __ __ mode : in this fashion or style (1,2)
19 Polite
20 Alsace assent
21 Have possession of
22 Kohli's IPL side
24 Mischievous
28 Air Data Tester
29 Staying power or pluck
30 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
31 Indict
33 A deciduous tree of the genus Quercus
34 "Run" around to get a jar?
35 And for the German
37 Glacier crack
40 Mrs in Marseille
41 Georgia, once: Abbr.
44 Hindu widow who immolates herself
45 Aristocracy
47 Capital of Ukraine
48 Single unit
49 Sore on the eyelid
50 Female ruff
51 Rocky height
52 The fair ___ : the females?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	R	A	N	■	D	E	F	■	S	S	E	S
R	A	R	E	■	E	M	O	■	C	U	T	E
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Y	G	G	D	R	A	S	I	L	■	O	I	L
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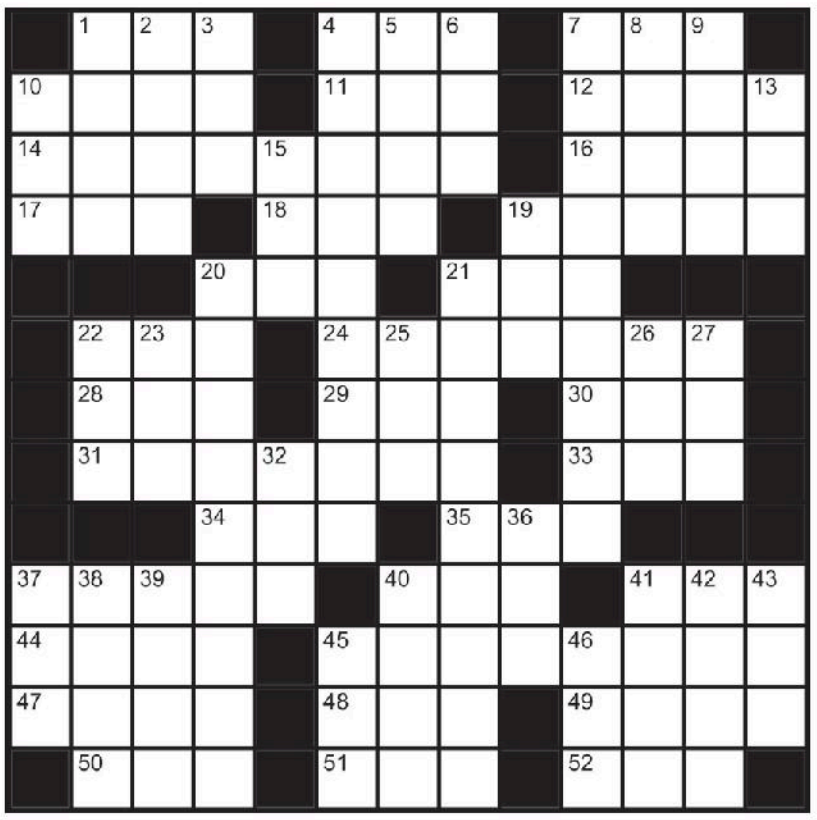
DOWN

1 A river of italy
2 Ill or ailing
3 IPL team from Kolkata
4 Being a seller of? (7,2)
5 Andean shrub
6 Suffix denoting "somewhat"
7 English hero of Sherwood Forests (5,4)
8 Petty criminal
9 Computer music word
10 Ever, contracted by a poet
13 A slippery customer!
15 Org. of African Unity
19 Commonwealth Games in short
20 Unpleasantly noticeable?
21 Exceed numerically
22 Regional Airline Assoc.
23 Commander, in short?
25 31-day mo.
26 Singing syllable
27 Tibetan ox?
32 Upper limb
36 Indonesia's earlier name
37 Chennai based IPL team
38 Locks
39 It fits to _ ___ : it fits perfectly? (1,3)
40 One as a prefix; not a stereo
41 Location on the Internet?
42 River of Hades
43 Edible grain
45 Denial - "ton" anagram?
46 Lightning Sensor Sys.



SUDOKU

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				4		1		

Answer to previous puzzle

1	4	9	8	5	6	7	3	2
2	7	5	4	3	9	1	8	6
3	6	8	1	2	7	5	4	9
8	5	1	2	7	4	6	9	3
7	9	4	6	1	3	2	5	8
6	2	3	9	8	5	4	1	7
5	8	6	3	4	2	9	7	1
9	1	7	5	6	8	3	2	4
4	3	2	7	9	1	8	6	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PQ OAE TAJ'V BJAD, VKZ VKPJY VA TA PL

JAV VA YZV LSUHZT, GEV VA FZUHJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: To become aware of the possibility of the search is to be onto something.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Ombattane Dikku (K) - 4 Shows
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- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Good Luck Sakhi (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Salaga (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Badava Rascal (K)- 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Yuvarathna (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Pushpa: The Rise (H) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

DNA - Dhruva Nakshathra Akasha (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.15 am
Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Hridayam (Ma)	(S-1)	6.55 pm; (S-3) 3.45 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Ombatthane Dikku (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.00 pm
Sila Nerangalil Sila Manidhargal (Ta)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
83 (H)	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Good Luck Sakhi (Te)	(S-4)	4.15 pm, 7.00 pm

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Scream 5 (E)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 3.55 pm, 6.40 pm
Good Luck Sakhi (Te)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
DNA - Dhruva Nakshathra Akasha (K)	(S-3)	3.10 pm
Ombatthane Dikku (K)	(S-3)	6.20 pm
	(S-4)	11.25 am
Hridayam (Ma)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 2.20 pm
	(S-4)	5.40 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	6.00 pm
83 (H)	(S-3)	11.35 am
Sila Nerangalil Sila Manidhargal (Ta)	(S-4)	2.35 pm

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Hridayam (Ma)	:	11.00 am, 2.35 pm, 6.10 pm
Scream -2022 (E)	:	11.15 am, 4.50 pm, 7.25 pm
Ombatthane Dikku (K)	:	12.35 pm, 6.40 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	:	12.40 pm
DNA (K)	:	1.50 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	:	3.30 pm
Good Luck Sakhi (Te)	:	3.35 pm
Sila Nerangalil Sila Manithargal (Ta)	:	6.15 pm

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Badava Rascal (K)	:	6.30 pm
Bangarraju (Te)	:	12.10 pm
Hridayam (Ma)	:	11.15 am, 2.50 pm, 6.25 pm
Pushpa (K)	:	12.00 noon
Ombatthane Dikku (K)	:	3.40 pm
DNA (K)	:	6.35 pm
Sila Nerangalil Sila Manithargal (Ta)	:	3.30 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Ombatthane Dikku (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am
	(S-4)	4.00 pm
		6.45 pm
DNA (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
		4.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Hunsur boy selected for Khelo India University Games

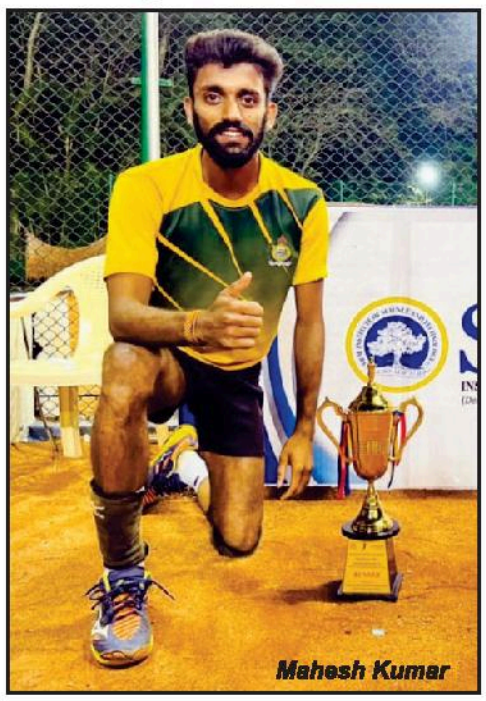
Hunsur, Jan. 29 (SSM)- A boy from Hunsur Taluk studying in SDMC College, Ujire, has excelled in various Volleyball tournaments and has been selected for Khelo India University Tournament which will be held in Bengaluru in March this year.

He is **Mahesh Kumar,** son of Raitha Sangha District President Hosuru Krishnakumar and Mamata, who are residents of Maruthi Layout in Hunsur Taluk.

He has a list of achievements to his credit — Mahesh has played for Mangalore University Volleyball team which had participated in All India Inter-University Volleyball Tournament that was held at Odisha from Jan. 4 to Jan. 7. His team secured runner-up spot among 32 teams which had participated.

In South Zone Inter-University Volleyball tournament that was held at Chennai last year from Dec. 19 to Dec. 23, he participated in Mangalore University team and won second prize out of 100 teams that took part in the tournament.

A promising player, Mahesh has added many feathers to his cap by winning medals at sports events.


Mahesh Kumar

Wins gold in Kickboxing

B. Roshani Muthanna seen with her trainer Sudhakar of GTK Club.

Mysuru, Jan. 29- Bolthura Roshani Muthanna of Karnataka Kickboxing Sports Association (WAKOIND-KA) has won a Gold Medal in the Cadets and Junior National Championship organised by WAKO India Kickboxing Federation, recognised by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India and Member, World Association of Kickboxing Organisations (WAKO), at Boxing Hall, Shri Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi, Mahalunge, Pune, Maharashtra, between Dec. 21 and 25. She secured first place in the 3 KL 027 J F - 65 KG category.

Roshani, daughter of late B.G. Muthanna (ex-Army) and Vishalakshi and a resident of Hootagalli SRS, is studying in PUC at Mahajana PU College.

She is trained under Sudhakar and Abhishek of GTK Club.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 29)

- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 'Yuva Sangeetha Sambhrama' online concert series, vocal concert by Vidu. Ashwini Kolikkaje from Kasaragod, accompanied by Vid.Krithik Koushik on violin and Vid. Y.P. Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga, Sabha's YouTube channel at Sri ThyagarajaSangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, **5 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Tarunabharathi music concerts, vocal duet by Amogh Kashyap and Vishwambhara R. Bhagawath, accompanied by Shruthi on violin and Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga, **6 pm;** Flute recital by Samrudh, accompanied by Shruthi on violin and Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **7.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 30)

- **Centre for Gandhian Studies, Gandhi Bhavan, Manasagangothri:** 74th Sarvodaya Day, Maharaja College retd. Principal Prof. K. Kalachannegowda chief guest, Mysore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presides, Mysore University Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa and Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. A.P. Jnana Prakash will be present, Gandhi Bhavan Director Prof. M.S. Shekar delivers talk, felicitation to MCC Pourakarmika Shakuntala, Gandhi Bhavan auditorium, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Tarunabharathi music concerts, vocal duet by Manya and Prerana, accompanied by Amogh Nadadur on violin and Nandan Kashyap on mridanga, **6 pm;** Vocal concert by Prithvi Bhaskar, accompanied by Amogh Nadadur on violin and Nandan Kashyap on mridanga, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **7.15 pm.**

PRO KABADDI

Today's Matches (JAN. 29)

Gujarat Giants Vs **Dabang Delhi** 7.30 pm

Telugu Titans Vs **Bengal Warriors** 8.30 pm

Tomorrow's Matches (JAN. 30)

Patna Pirates Vs **Jaipur Pink Panthers** 7.30pm

Tamil Thalaivas Vs **Bengaluru Bulls** 8.30 pm

Yesterday's Results

Patna Pirates 52 Beat **Tamil Thalaivas** 24

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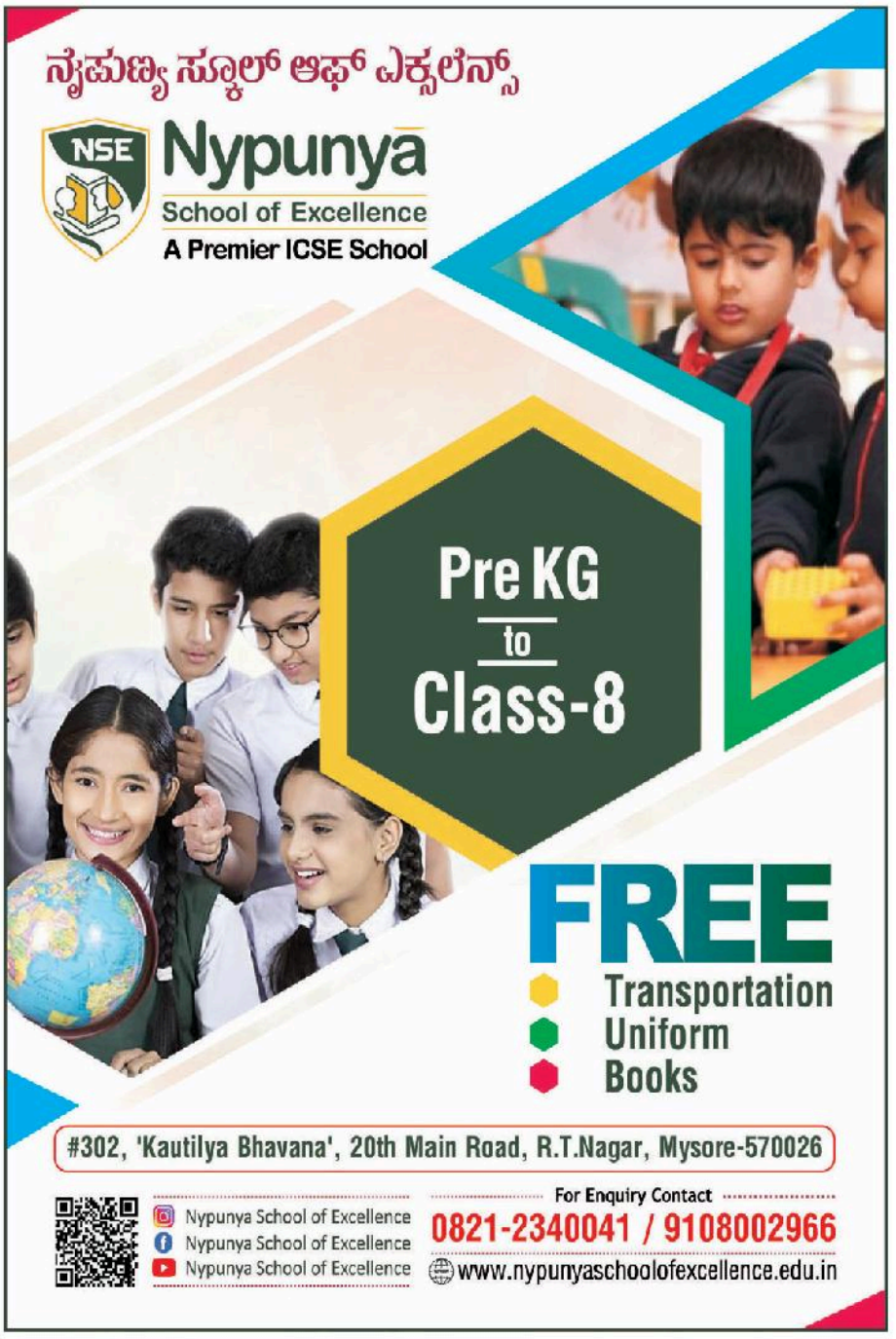

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